(c) what is the number of public sector textile mills that are exporting goods to foreign countries;

(d) what is the name of the State that exports maximum of textiles to foreign countries;

(e) what is the foreign exchange amount earned every year by our nation through the export of textiles; and

(f) what steps have been taken on latest scientific developments to boost the foreign trade and inflow of foreign exchange?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) There are 17 Textile mills under public sector in Tamil Nadu and 6 in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Out of 14 NTC mills in Tamil Nadu 9 are working at profit and 5 at loss and all the NTC mills in Andhra Pradesh are working at loss.

(c) The following public sector textile mills are exporting goods to foreign countries:

(1) Mills of National Textile Corporation.

(2) Maharashtra State Textile Corporation.

(3) Anglo French Textile Corporation, Pondicherry.

(4) Uttar Pradesh State Yarn Company Ltd., Kanpur.

(5) Uttar Pradesh State Textile Corporation Ltd., Kanpur.

(6) Uttar Pradesh State Spinning Co. Ltd., Kanpur.

(d) State-wise figures are not maintained by the Government.

(e) The amount of foreign exchange earned from exports of textiles, garments (excluding jute, handicrafts and coir) for the last three years are as follows:

	(Rs. in crores)
1989-90	— 6473
1990-91	— 8366
1991-92	— 12150

(f) An allocation of 12 per cent and 18 per cent have been made nn the Gupta Policy of textiles and garments respectively for manufacturer exporters entitlement (MEE). This approach is expected to encourage investment in modern machinery items in the textile and garment sector.

Cotton purchased by CCI

1856. DR. YELAMANCHILI SOVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the total quantity of cotton purchased and sold by C.C.I. during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): During the current cotton season, the Cotton Corporation of India had purchased 9.99 lakh bales of cotton and sold 9.36 lakh bales of cotton as on 18th July, 1992.

Lock out at Bajjirang Jute Mill, Andhra Pradesh

1857. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bajrang Jute Mill at Guntur in Andhra Pradesh is on lock out;

(b) if so, since when;

(c what is the number of workers of the mill who are unemployed at present; and

(d) what steps have been taken to reopen the unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c) Bajrang Jute Mill, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh is lying closed since 15.3.91 affecting 2400 workers.

(d) Bajrang Jute Mills is registered with BIFR under the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act. BIFR is expected to determine and enforce the remedial measures for the revitalisation of this unit.